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SPEECH NOTES FOR THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN AT "CARTLEDGE"
FLATS OPENING AND NAMING, ELIZABETH.

25/8/73

MR. JOHNSON, MR. GLASTONBURY, MR. RAMSAY LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

IT'S MY VERY PLEASANT JOB TODAY, ON BEHALF OF ALL GUESTS, TO
THANK MR. JOHNSON FOR COMING TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA TO PERFORM
THIS CEREMONY.

THE PRESENT FEDERAL CABINET IS NOTABLE FOR THE NUMBER OF REALLY
OUTSTANDING MEN IT CONTAINS. IT'S A CABINET OF MANY TALENTS.
AND IN EVEN THAT COMPANY LES JOHNSON STANDS AS A MAN OF HIGH
POLITICAL ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS, SOMEONE WHO PUTS PEOPLE AND
THEIR NEEDS FIRST.

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HE HAS A VERY HARD JOB TO DO AND HE'S DOING IT VERY WELL. WE
IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA ARE GRATEFUL TO HIM FOR WHAT HE'S ACHIEVED
SO FAR AND FOR THE EXCITING FUTURE HE HOLDS OUT.

TODAY WE'RE MARKING A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ELIZABETH AND A
FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE TRUST'S FLAT BUILDING PROGRAMME.

BOTH ARE SUCCESS STORIES.

ELIZABETH IN ITS DAY SHOWED AUSTRALIA THE WAY IN NEW TOWN
DEVELOPMENT. I'M NOT SAYING IT'S PERFECT. MISTAKES WERE MADE
HERE. BUT THE PLANNERS OF ELIZABETH HAD VISION, FAITH AND
A BOLD CONCEPT WHICH THEY WERE PREPARED TO PUSH THROUGH. IT
WAS ALSO VERY MUCH A DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIFTIES.

NOW WE ARE LOOKING FOR PLANNERS WITH EQUAL VISION AND VIGOUR TO CREATE THE NEW CITY OF MONARTO - A CITY WHICH WILL BE VERY MUCH OF THE SEVENTIES, WHICH WILL MAKE USE OF THE KNOWLEDGE GAINED AND MISTAKES MADE IN BUILDING ELIZABETH AND WHICH WILL BE UNIQUELY AUSTRALIAN.

ELIZABETH WAS, OVERALL, A SUCCESS. MONARTO WILL BE A GREATER SUCCESS AND I PREDICT WILL BE STUDIED BY PLANNERS AROUND THE WORLD.

THE OTHER POINT WHICH THE COMPLETION OF THESE FLATS BRINGS TO MIND IS THE WISDOM OF THE TRUST'S BASIC POLICY DECISION TO BUILD ONLY 'LOW RISE' FLATS AND TO SHUN THOSE GHASTLY MONOLITHIC TOWERS THAT DISFIGURE OTHER CITIES, NOTABLY MELBOURNE.

SOCIOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES HERE AND ABROAD SHOW THAT 'HIGH RISE' DEVELOPMENT, SAVE IN CERTAIN CASES AND PLACES SUCH AS FOR SPECIAL GROUPS AND IN AREAS OF ACUTE LAND SHORTAGE, CAN BE VERY UNDESIRABLE.

IN ADELAIDE WE'VE CONCENTRATED ON DEVELOPING MEDIUM DENSITY HOUSING. MUCH OF THE TRUST'S CURRENT PLANNING IS BASED ON THIS TYPE OF HOUSING AND THE NEW CLUSTER AND PATIO DESIGNS, GENERAL PLANNING, LANDSCAPING AND CONSTRUCTION METHODS USED MEAN INCREASINGLY THAT A PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IS AS PLEASING TO LOOK AT AND AS CONGENIAL TO LIVE IN AS PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT. MY GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ENSURE THAT IT GETS BETTER STILL.

MR. JOHNSON AGAIN OUR THANKS FOR COMING TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA
AND I HOPE THAT BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE AT
FIRST HAND SOMETHING OF WHAT THE TRUST - TO MY MIND THE
LEADER IN HOUSING AUTHORITIES IN AUSTRALIA - IS ACCOMPLISHING
HERE.

THANK YOU.